

THE PIKAW MURDER.

RAILWAY OFFICIALS INTERVIEWED.

The Railway Men on Their Defence.—Damaging Admissions.

Conductors Travel Sixty-four Miles Per Day for Two Dollars and Fifty Cents.

Captain Bob Squires Explains Jourdan's Demand.

HOW CONDUCTORS ARE APPOINTED.

The Honest Conductor, Who Grew Rich at Two Dollars and Twenty-five Cents Per Day.

"Well, damn 'em! Them newspapers can blow as much as they please; I ain't goin' to risk my gizzard in any fight with passengers, drunk or sober!" exclaimed a conductor on Friday night, on his down trip from Morrisania to Harlem Bridge.

"The h— you ain't! Suppose a murder is done on yer ker, wouldn't it be better a heap sicker to prevent it gettin' yer back up a little, an' showin' you had some fight in you?" suggested an extra driver, who, with a lighted cigar in his mouth and a car hook in hand, had just staggered through from the front platform to the rear and joined the conductor.

"I'm blowed," he continued, swinging his hook in the air, "if I wouldn't see this every time to protect myself being abused, and just to show the fellers that I'm awake and ready for 'em; still, I believe the papers ain't fair; they shouldn't publish all them beat 'abroad' railroaders without givin' 'em one side a show."

A Herald reporter, who, with a lady, were the only occupants of the car, heard the closing remark of the half-drunk driver, and decided to give the "railroaders a show." With this object in view, at eight o'clock yesterday morning, he started out to interview the officials of the principal car lines. The first visit made was to J. W. Smith, Superintendent of the Second Avenue Railroad,

whom he found at that early hour in the office, actually attending to his duties.

REPORTER.—Mr. Smith, the recent tragedy on the Broadway line has excited the public, and, mainly because, the railway companies are censured. I come from the Herald to talk with you.

MR. SMITH.—Well, I'm glad to see you. The letters to the papers have much to say about

POLITICAL INFLUENCE.

In the appointment of conductors. This is not a political road. When we have vacancies we appoint no one who does not come to us with good letters of recommendation. I will not appoint a man on letters of politicians unless compelled to do so.

REPORTER.—May I ask what you mean by being compelled to appoint men?

MR. SMITH.—Why, sometimes politicians will go to a director of the road and get a letter instructing me to appoint a man; but on our road this is a very rare occurrence.

REPORTER.—And how are conductors and drivers appointed?

MR. SMITH.—We make thorough investigation into the antecedents of every applicant. If he proves to be a responsible man we appoint him, taking a bond of \$500 that he will faithfully perform all the duties and not steal the moneys of the company. In addition we administer

AN IRON-CLAD OATH.

That is attached to the bond, in which he swears he will not steal, that he has never been discharged from another road and that he will not go into any strike.

REPORTER.—What is the pay of your employees, and how many hours do they work?

MR. SMITH.—We have about 15,000 conductors, who are paid \$2.25 per day. We have about the same number of drivers and give them the same pay. Those employees who have "saving cars" work about fifteen hours, with three hours off. Those who make the "straight runs" are employed from twelve and a half to thirteen hours.

REPORTER.—What is there in the statements, publicly made, that starters and superintendents compel conductors to pay them certain sums to retain their cars?

MR. SMITH.—That, as far as our road is concerned, is untrue; but as far as it relates to some other roads is true. We have "oddlities" here who have been conductors since 1840.

THE INFLUENCE THAT PRESIDENTS APPOINTED CAN GET THEM REMOVED.

If the man who is a good conductor is in danger of being discharged by the same influence that appointed him, we investigate the matter and retain him.

REPORTER.—But are they not, more or less, appointed through the influence of ward politicians?

MR. SMITH.—No, sir. If you came to me with letters endorsing you I would as quickly appoint you as if the Mayor of the city asked an appointment for one of his friends.

REPORTER.—But, Mr. Smith, it is charged that there are systematic stealings on certain roads.

MR. SMITH.—The Broadway and Seventh Avenue road was notorious for stealing, in which all persons below the late Mr. Kerr, who was an honest man, but one easily imposed upon, participated. When Mr. Marshall took hold of it he endeavored to work a reform. Somebody ran in six men upon me as "green hands," but I quickly discovered the fraud and discharged them. I know the road so well that I would never take a driver or conductor who had been on the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad.

REPORTER.—Then you think all your present conductors are honest.

MR. SMITH.—No, not all; but I will catch them. We had men appointed only last week. I think we have as good a class of conductors as are on any road in the city.

REPORTER.—What are your orders to conductors relating to the expulsion of disorderly or drunken persons?

MR. SMITH.—These are our rules—They are to expel to the street or call upon the police to do so.

REPORTER.—Then a conductor who wishes to be honest can be protected by the management.

MR. SMITH.—Most assuredly. All he has got to do is to report any driver who behaves his orders to the Superintendent. If he puts himself "in a hole" by showing to the dome of the driver he must remain in his power. We have a law by which honest conductors

Superintendent Smith made other remarks that it would be impossible to punish the driver in the present time, and, as a sergeant of police at this time, in begging for a book of passes for the year, the reporter walked in and a half-hour to the attractive headquarters of Captain Bob Squires.

AT THE THIRD AVENUE RAILROAD.

Captain Bob was found in the office of Superintendent Dixon, and the reporter handed him his card.

REPORTER.—Information Mr. Squires. I am from the Herald.

MR. SQUIRES.—Well, what do you want?

REPORTER.—The Herald's. Why, we have had half a dozen Herald men here already. (A pause.) However, Mr. Squires, I am in Superintendent, and will take pleasure in giving you what you want.

The reporter quietly took out his notebook, preparatory to questioning Mr. Dixon, when Captain Bob stepped in from the back of the room.

"This road, you see, is a dangerous place," said the reporter, "and I am a dangerous fellow."

MR. SQUIRES.—Well, what can I do for you, sir?

REPORTER.—Mr. Squires, how many miles do your conductors travel per day, and how many hours do they work?

MR. SQUIRES.—These on the Harlem run travel about the others travel fifty-four miles and receive \$2.25 per day. The working men, who are paid \$2.25 per day, but the whole time about twelve or thirteen hours. The drivers receive the same pay.

REPORTER.—Do you find much stealing on your road?

MR. SQUIRES.—We discharge instantly all men caught stealing. We have our own men on the line who duty it is to see that there is no interruption

to travel, and persons injured on the road are promptly taken to drug stores and cared for.

REPORTER.—How about drunken men on the cars? What are the orders?

MR. SQUIRES.—It is a common thing for men to

STUFF THEMSELVES WITH LIQUOR.

Immediately enter the cars, and when the stuff

is drunk and out of control, we are expected to put them off or call a policeman to do so. We have our own detectives to protect passengers.

REPORTER.—Is that all, Mr. Squires?

MR. SQUIRES.—Twenty.

REPORTER.—Speaking of detectives, may I ask as to your correspondence with the Superintendent?

MR. SQUIRES.—The late Superintendent Jourdan

it is said that you refused to permit the police

detectives to ride free on your road.

MR. SQUIRES.—I do not wish to understand that, but the Herald.

REPORTER.—How so?

MR. SQUIRES.—His application for passes for the detectives on your road, and felt it keenly.

MR. SQUIRES.—The facts are that during the last

year, Mr. Jourdan wrote me a long letter, asking me to give yearly passes for all the detectives. As we carry, by actual cost, free.

REPORTER.—How many policemen per day, do you employ?

MR. SQUIRES.—I do not know, but the moment a

detective shows his pass the thieves spot him and leave the car. I offered to give the passes for the

festival, but as he returned to me, I wanted every detective in the city to travel free, I declined, and said:

"I'll see that they pay their fare."

That, sir, is the explanation of my failure to sustain the late Superintendent.

MR. SQUIRES.—I have no other remarks on the subject, but in view of the fact that honest John Jourdan is dead, they had better remain unwritten and be better unspoken.

REPORTER.—Why, Mr. Squires, we cannot be expected to furnish passes for detectives to ride along our line on business for individuals, the

business of the city is to make themselves familiar with the features of detectives, and when they see them on

the road, they are sure to stop them. We are not

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